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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference BBI-102CPPC	FOR FURTHER ACTION		see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, Item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US 99/19452	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/08/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26/08/1998	
Applicant BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT et al.			

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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2. ☒ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

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- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
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- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
- ☐ None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal
body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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IPC 7 C12N15/86 A61K48/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	CHAISSOMCHIT S. ET AL.: "Development of replicative and nonreplicative hepatitis B virus vectors." GENE THERAPY, vol. 4, no. 12, 1997, pages 1330-1340, XP000874038	1-5, 9, 10, 12-16, 21-23, 26-29, 31, 33, 37-40
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E	US 5 981 274 A (CHAI SOMCHIT SUMONTA ET AL) 9 November 1999 (1999-11-09) the whole document	1-5, 9, 10, 12-16, 21-23, 26-29, 31, 33, 37-40
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